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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 382

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 28, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Jan 27, 2004

SUBJECT: Voting Rights of a Person Convicted of a Crime.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Hershman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill provides that a person who is convicted of a felony after June 30, 2004, is not eligible to vote or to register to vote until the person is no longer incarcerated, on parole, or under court supervision. The bill requires the county department, office, or agency supervising or responsible for the placement of a person convicted of a felony to notify the county voter registration office of the conviction and placement of the person.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) Under current law, the Indiana Election Division is required after December 31, 2005, to coordinate the State Voter Registration List (SVRL) with the Department of Corrections to allow disenfranchised voters to be removed from the SVRL by the county voter registration office (CVRO). Under the bill, the Division may require additional administrative time, to coordinate the SVRL. The Division's resources should be sufficient to carry out this provision.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) County officials could require additional administrative time to compile a monthly list of convictions. The bill would require the county clerk to forward monthly notifications electronically to the Indiana Election Division and National Voter Registration officials.

Under current law, the SVRL must be formatted so that only the county voter registration office may change data in the file concerning the voters registered in the county.

Conviction Data: The following table illustrates the number of convicted persons entering into either a

Department of Correction facility or into another form of sentence. The most recent data obtained varies by sentence.

Sentence	Number Entering
DOC Imprisonment (FY 2003)	15,010
Parole (FY 2003)	5,395
Probation (FY 2003)	5,218
Felony Supervision in lieu of prosecution (CY 2002)	209
Felony Other (Including Home Detention) (CY 2002)	914
Felony Shock Probation (CY 2002)	196

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Secretary of State, Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources: Department of Correction: *2002 and 2003 Offender Population Statistical Reports*, including summary report from June 2003; *2002 Indiana Judicial Service Probation Report*.

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